


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: February 11, 2011
TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren
FROM: Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development
RE: Friday Report 
CC: Board of Aldermen
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

Monday 2/14/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria (City Hall, basement level)• Zoning and Planning Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 202
Tuesday 2/15/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newtonville Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., Newton Senior Center• Land Use Committee – Public Hearing/Working Session, 7:00 p.m., Aldermanic Chamber/Room 222
Wednesday 2/16/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Newton Senior Center (345 Walnut St, Newtonville)• Urban Design Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 203
Thursday 2/17/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brookline-Newton-Watertown-Waltham Homelessness Consortium, 3:00 p.m., Room 222• Traffic Council, 7:00 p.m., Room 222• Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202

- **Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities:** The Mayor's Committee will hold its monthly meeting Monday, February 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Cafeteria. Agenda items include an update from the Farm Commission on the changes to the Angino Barn renovations, applicant presentations for the \$16,575 in available CDBG Access funds, consideration of the approval of the minutes from the January 10, 2011 meeting of the Committee, and a report on projects currently being funded by CDBG Access funds. Committee members and the public will also have an opportunity to report on accessibility issues of noncompliance in the City. **Contact Kathleen Cahill at 617.796.1125 or kcahill@newtonma.gov.**
- **Zoning & Planning Committee:** The Committee will hold a **Working Session** on Monday, February 14th at 7:45 p.m. in Room 202, Newton City Hall to discuss items **#122-09** regarding the proliferation of signage in the city; **#92-10(2)** and **#93-10(2)**, requesting resolutions to His Honor the Mayor providing selection criteria guidance for membership on the Planning & Development Board and Zoning Board of Appeals; **#235-10**, requesting updates to §22-50, Demolition of historically significant buildings or structures; **#253-10** proposing a resolution to the Conservation Commission and the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Renewable Energy requesting that they investigate the possibility of establishing a Brightfield Solar Energy Array on the Flowed Meadow site; **#333-97(2)**, proposing that Chapter 30 be amended to prohibit without a special permit in any zoning district the approval of a subdivision that negatively impact any public way with a Level of Service D, E, or F; **#142-09(4)** requesting discussion of findings of Floor Area Ratio Working Group and consideration of recommended revisions to Chapter 30. **Contact Jen Molinsky at 617.796.1130, or jmolinsky@newtonma.gov Seth Zeren at 617.796.1145 szeren@newtonma.gov**
- **Newtonville Advisory Committee:** The Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street. Agenda items include discussion of the revised concept for the Lowell Park master plan. Consultant Ray Dunetz Landscape Architecture to attend to present the plans and hear residents' comments. **Contact Danielle Bailey at 617.796.1139 or dbailey@newtonma.gov.**
- **Land Use Committee Public Hearing/Working Session:** The Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber. The agenda includes the following: **#7-11**, Charles River Country Club, Inc. petition for a special permit/site plan approval and to extend a

nonconforming use to create a short game practice area for its members and guests in a currently unimproved portion of an existing golf course (no buildings or structures are involved) at **483 Dedham Street; #137-10(2)**, Sharad S. Gandbhir petition for approval for an accessory apartment in an existing detached structure, to locate three parking spaces closer than five feet from the street, one of which would be located within the front setback, and to locate a 6.5-foot retaining wall in the side setback at **298-300 Adams Street; #23-11**, New Cingular Wireless by AT&T Mobility petition for approval to extend a nonconforming structure for the addition of three wireless communication antennas to an existing monopole at **30-36 Border Street**. In addition, there may be a **Working Session** in Room 222 regarding **298-300 Adams Street** and **30-36 Border Street** immediately following the Public Hearings. **Contact Derek Valentine at 617.796.1123 or dvalentine@newtonma.gov.**

- **Community Preservation Committee (CPC):** The CPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street in Newtonville. The agenda includes a public hearing and working session/potential funding vote on the new **City Historic Buildings Survey** proposal. The agenda also includes updates and requests on the scope of funded projects at **Angino Farm** (barn) and the **Jackson Homestead/Newton History Museum** (exterior preservation). From www.newtonma.gov/cpa, click on 'Committees & Meetings' for full agendas, and on 'Proposals & Projects' for full proposals. **Contact Alice Ingerson at 617.796.1144 or aingerson@newtonma.gov.**
- **Urban Design Commission:** The UDC meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 203. The agenda includes one principal sign and one secondary sign for People's Federal Savings Bank at **989-1003 Watertown Street**, a primary sign for Boston Fencing Center at **217 California Street**, and a primary sign for Supreme Cleaners at **709 Washington Street**. **Contact Derek Valentine at 617.796.1123 or dvalentine@newtonma.gov.**
- **Brookline-Newton-Watertown Homelessness Consortium:** The Consortium will meet on Thursday, February 17th at 3:00 p.m. in Room 222. Agenda items include a presentation on "Next Steps" a resource and referral counseling program for low income adults who wish establish and advance their life plans, a status report on results from the annual Point-In-Time Count of homeless people, an overview of the HEARTH Act and an update on Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing programs. **Contact Amy Yuhasz at 617.796.1122 or ayuhasz@newtonma.gov.**
- **Traffic Council:** The Council will meet on Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 222. The following items are scheduled for discussion: Request for "No Left Turn 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m." at the intersection of **Beacon Street** and **Hammondswood Road** (Note: This item was held for a trial on 10/21/10); 7:30 p.m. or later – Request for "Right Turn on Red" at the intersection of **Centre** and **Jefferson Streets**; 8:00 p.m. or later – Request for parking restrictions on both sides of Cypress Street, in the vicinity of **280 Cypress Street**, in association with modifications to the island and related infrastructure changes near the Bowen School entrance; Request for the installation of a pedestrian hybrid signal and crosswalk on Parker Street in the vicinity of Daniel Street and Athelstane Road. **Contact David Koses at 617.796.1133 or dkoses@newtonma.gov.**
- **Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on Thursday, February 17th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. Items on the agenda include: **33 Kingsbury Road** request to demolish existing garage and construct new garage and to alter driveway and add walkway; **170 Suffolk Road** request to change house to Colonial Revival style and add new roof shape, entry portico, mudroom addition, deck, garage doors, windows, chimney, and siding. **Administrative Discussion:** Approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Brian Lever at 617-796-1129 or blever@newtonma.gov.**
- **Public Workshop on the Draft Mixed-Use Centers Element:** The public is invited to participate in a workshop sponsored by the Planning and Development Board on Thursday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street, to review the draft Mixed-Use Centers Element for the City's Comprehensive Plan. Information pertaining to the draft amendment can be found on the City's website at http://www.newtonma.gov/Planning/mixed_use_tf/mixed_use.htm **Contact Kathleen Cahill at 617-796-1125 or kcahill@newtonma.gov.**